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APPROVED BY: NEA: RPDAVIES

PM: ISO: DDONCHI

INR: DDC: JGARDNER ( DRAFT)

DOD: ISA: NOYES

JCS: J: 5: COL. CORNEL

EUR: RPM: WROMINE ( DRAFT)

L: NEA: TBROWN

JCS: JRC: GBHAUPT

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ( P A R A 3 L I N E 2 O M I T T E D )

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR GR BY PINR MOPS

SUBJ: LARAF ATTACK ON USG AIRCRAFT

REF: A) ATHENS 1713, B) ATHENS 1757

1. SINCE PAPA VASSILIOU DEMARCHE, PARA 4 REF A, MAY NOT REFLECT CONCERTED ATTITUDE AT HIGHER LEVELS OF GOG, WE HOPE EMBASSY CAN DEAL WITH THIS INQUIRY IN A WAY THAT PRECLUDES A REVIEW OF OUR USE OF ATHENAI.

2. DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE HERE ( PRESUMABLY ALSO IN EMBASSY FILES) INDICATES THAT BASE RIGHTS AGREEMENT CALLS FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS TO BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TECH-  
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NICAL ARRANGEMENTS. SUGGEST YOU INFORM PAPA VASSILIOU THAT FLIGHTS OF C-130 AIRCRAFT IN AND OUT OF ATHENS ARE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED 3 OCTOBER 1966 BY RHAF AND US AIR ATTACHE, AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE I, PARA. 2 OF 1953 MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE III OF APPENDIX I IN IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF. THUS WE CONSIDER THAT THE USAF C-130 IN QUESTION WAS OPERATING WITHIN GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY GOG.

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO PAPA VASSILIOU THAT USG CONSIDERS MATERIAL COLLECTED BY THESE FLIGHTS IS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN ALL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND AS SUCH IS CRUCIAL TO THE U. S. CAPACITY TO MONITOR EVENTS AND MAINTAIN STABILITY IN THIS CRITICAL AREA. THIS CAPACITY IS OF DIRECT NATIONAL INTEREST TO

GREECE. GREECE AND OTHER NATO PARTNERS SHARE, THROUGH NATO CHANNELS, IN THE END PRODUCT TO WHICH THESE FLIGHTS CONTRIBUTE.

4. IN THE EVENT EXPLANATION IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE DOES NOT SATISFY GREEK AUTHORITIES, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT WE MAY PROVIDE YOU WITH TALKING POINTS FOR HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE. ROGERS

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